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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this as a very concerned citizen. Food safety is a concern of everyone. I was shocked to learn that the meat industry is pushing your council to exclude the animals from consideration in your strategic plan.

First and by far most important to your plan should be the treatment and conditions of farm animals. If the industry that raises farm animals would clean up their act, to include better living conditions, cleaner conditions, less, not more antibiotics, and better food to eat, your council would not even need to build this plan. The methods of transporting these animals is horrendous as well and should be addressed somewhere.

Please, start at the root of the problem and your plan will be "prevention-based". This is by far the most important consideration.

Sincerely,



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